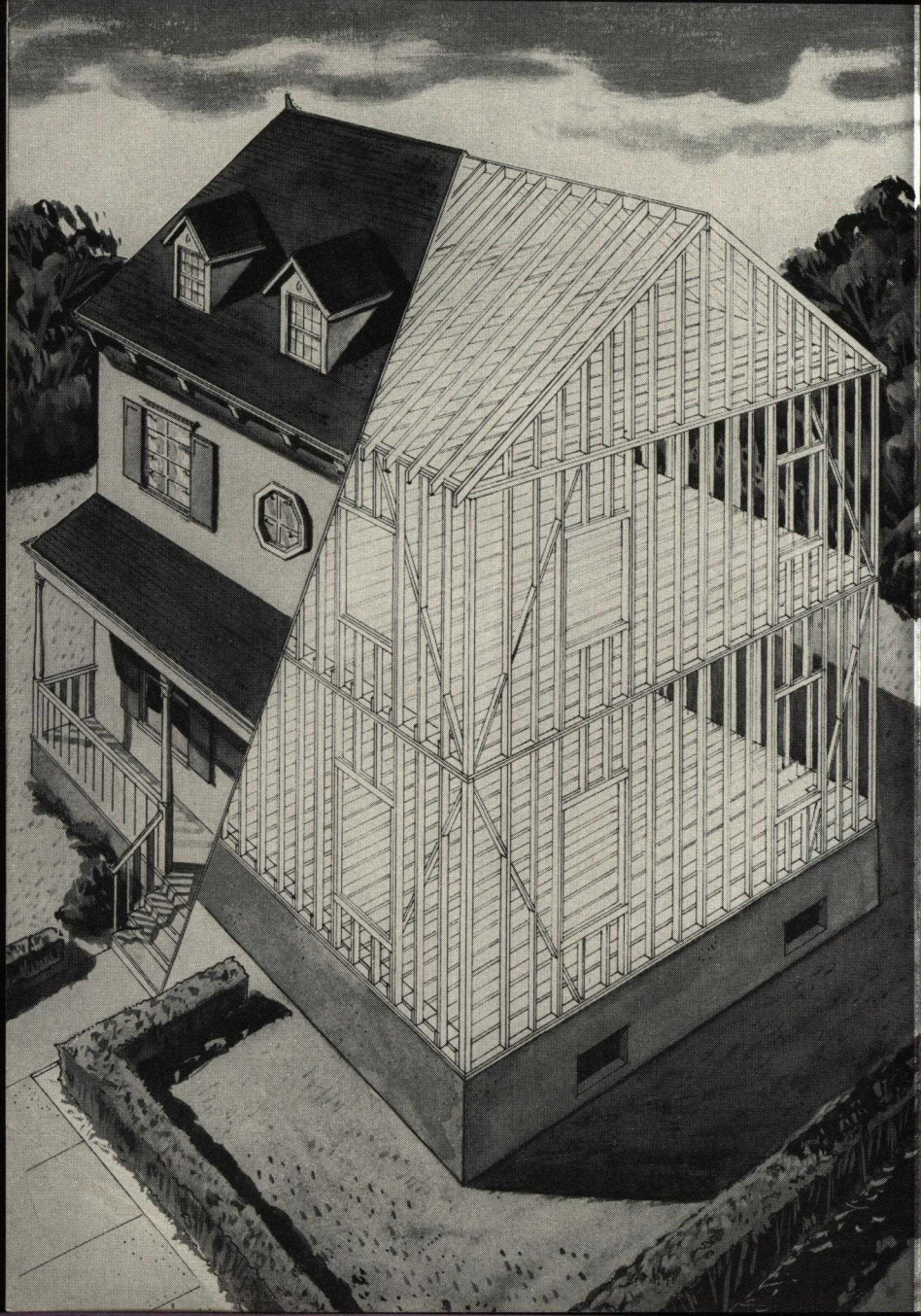


HOW TO REMODEL AN OLD HOME



By the makers of Armstrong's Building Materials
and Armstrong's Linoleum



The frame of the house is seldom out of date

If you think your house looks out of date, don't give it up as hopeless until you carefully examine the frame. Chances are its structure is as sound and practical as ever. Underneath all the "gingerbread," the frame is probably sturdy and well suited to modernization. Study your house with a good builder or architect to see how it can be made modern inside and out just by putting new materials over the old frame.

Many of the building materials made today are far different from those used in the past, and they are generally more economical to use. Many are finished on factory production lines, saving the home owner a great deal of expense in hand labor on the job. Often they come in large panels which are easy to handle and quick to install. Along with these new materials has come the development of new construction methods which reduce time and costs.

These new materials and methods are ideally suited for home remodeling. They can help you do the job faster and more economically no matter how big or how small the alterations you plan to make.

Maybe you need more room or you want to change the floor plan for greater convenience. Or perhaps you are tired of rooms that look old and drab to you and want to remodel the whole inside of the house for new beauty and comfort. No matter what remodeling problem you have, we believe the following pages will give you ideas on how to turn your old house into one that looks new.

The KITCHEN

is a good place to start

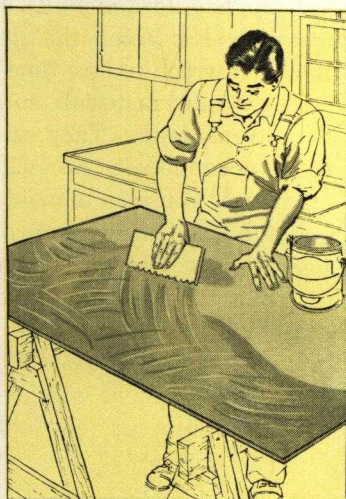
Nearly everybody begins remodeling in the kitchen—the “work center” of the house. It’s a sound plan. And the fastest, neatest way to give your kitchen new life is with Armstrong’s Monowall®. Monowall is made of large panels of specially treated, hardened wood-fiber board, with a durable finish applied under precise manufacturing specifications.

Sparkling walls and ceilings of Monowall add to your pleasure every minute you’re in the kitchen, because they are so cheerful, so easy to clean.

Remodeling with Monowall is quick and easy. It comes in big panels that go up fast and don’t have to set or dry. As soon as the big panels of Monowall are cemented in place, the room is ready for use.

The bright colors in plain, tile-designs, or streamline-designs of Monowall can be combined in modern decorative effects that will make your kitchen seem years younger.

You can use these designs to make your kitchen seem more spacious. Plain panels give the room a broader appearance, while the long score lines of the streamline-design can be used to give the effect of greater depth. Tile patterns can be used with either of the others to give variety.



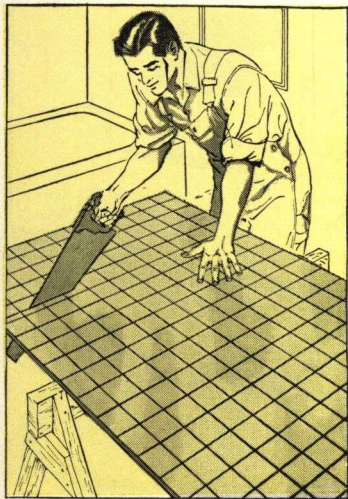


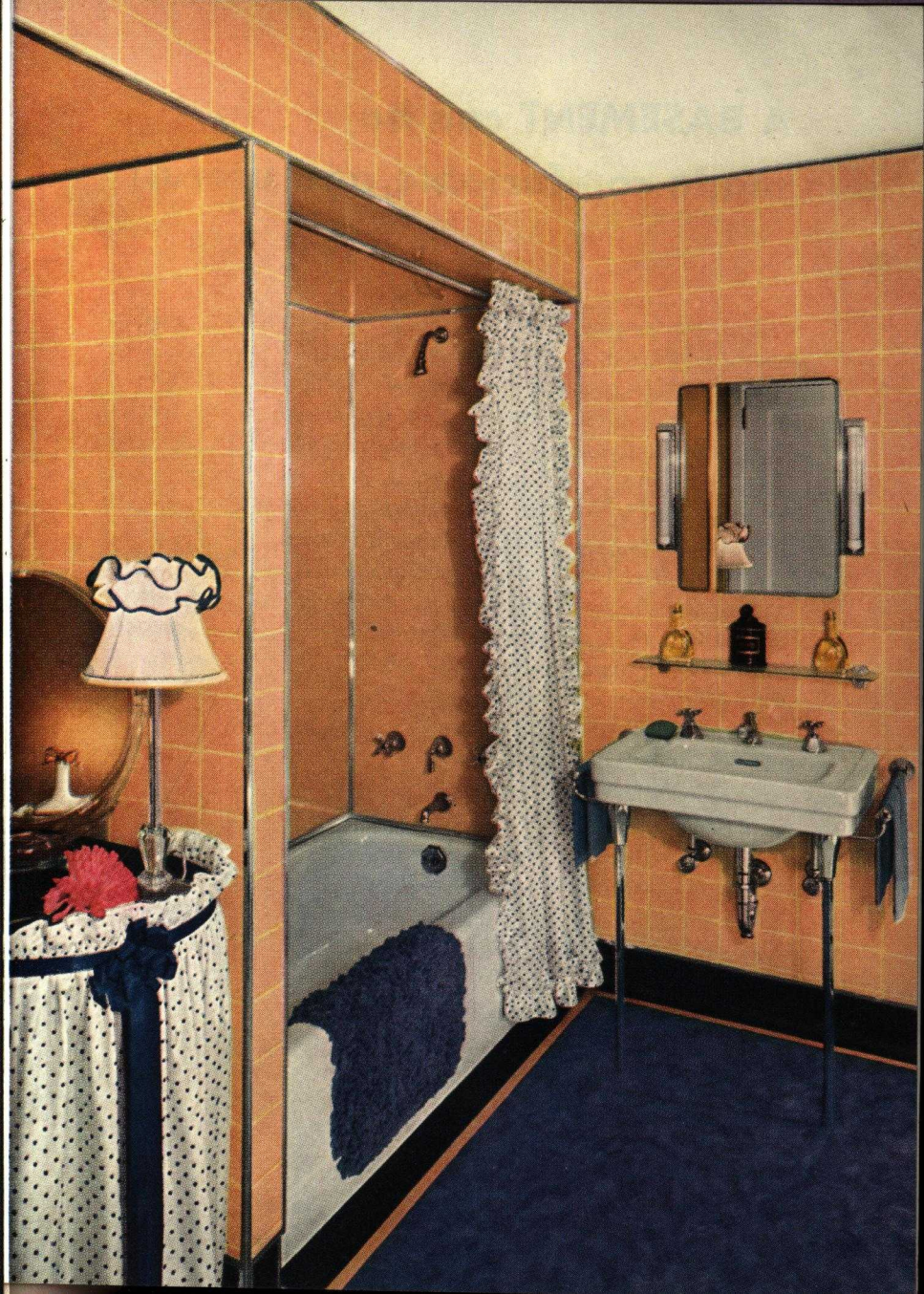
Fixing up the BATHROOM can be easy and inexpensive

With Armstrong's Monowall, you can quickly make your bathroom look young again. Almost anyone familiar with woodworking tools can erect Monowall. A workman who has handled Monowall before can frequently start on a room in the morning and finish it before nightfall. And the room can be used at once . . . there's nothing that has to be allowed to dry before you can touch it.

Monowall is usually secured to your wall surface with adhesive. However, nails can be used in the score lines of tile-designs or streamline-designs. The decorative metal moldings which conceal the joints "float" between panels. Then wooden baseboards and cap strips are nailed into place.

Bathrooms get such hard usage that they often "age" faster than other rooms. Walls and ceilings are subjected to steam, splashing water, and frequent cleaning. But the finish on Monowall is moisture resistant and durable. Even the score lines are specially designed to resist hard wear. The sloping shoulders of these score lines permit the application of the same thickness of the finish on the shoulders as on the face of the panel. This eliminates sharp edges where the finish would soon begin to show wear.





A BASEMENT can be made comfortable and useful

Unused basement space can be converted into a playroom, workshop, or den at very little cost. There's no need to let all that space go to waste. By using Temlok Interior Finish on the walls, it's easy and inexpensive to create an extra basement room. Temlok® is a structural material that decorates, insulates, and absorbs sound. It is made by grinding loblolly pine wood into long fibers and forming them into boards, panels, planks, and other useful forms.

Temlok is easy to install, too. Both panels and planks have a special Lok-Bevel joint which combines the work saving advantages of a shiplapped joint with the neat appearance of a V-bevel joint. It permits the use of nails with large heads for added support. Yet no nail heads or other fasteners mar the beauty of the surface, and only a decorative bevel appears at each joint.

Condensation problems, even in damp basements, can be avoided when Temlok is properly installed. In basements, Temlok should be applied to wood furring strips set out slightly from the concrete wall. Ventilating grills are installed at the top and bottom of each wall to allow free circulation of air behind the Temlok.





LIVING ROOMS, too, can have new life at low cost

Here's an inexpensive way to make your living room smart and modern. Armstrong's Temlok Interior Finish for ceilings and walls makes the whole room brighter, more comfortable and livable . . . at very little expense.

Temlok Interior Finish comes in various sizes and shapes for convenient installation and beautiful decorative effects. Panels are 12" x 12" and 16" x 16" squares and 16" x 32" rectangles. Planks are 8", 12", and 16" wide, and up to 12' long. Big boards are 4' wide, 7', 8', 9', 10', and 12' long.

You can work out many interesting combinations with the three forms of Temlok Interior Finish. Panels are usually used on ceilings, planks on sidewalls, and boards on both. However, you can give your room distinction by using these materials in different ways. For example, you might prefer to install planks horizontally to make a wall seem longer. Or perhaps you would like to achieve a modern effect by using panels on the walls. Another interesting treatment is to use big board as a wainscot and planks or panels for the upper part of the wall. However you choose to install it, Temlok's attractive pattern and soft colors form a pleasing background for any interior decoration plan.





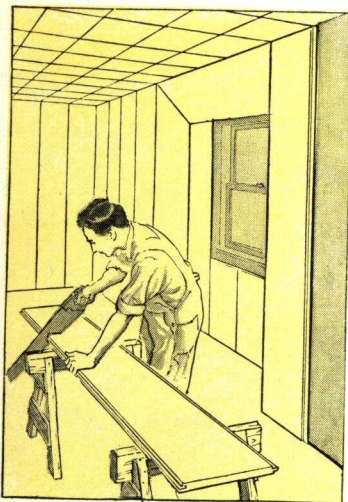
In the ATTIC you can have an extra room

One place in homes that all too often goes to waste is the attic. There's no reason now to neglect that part of your house. With Armstrong's Temlok you can create an extra room, or even an apartment to bring you additional income. Walls and ceilings of Temlok also help to insulate these top floor rooms, making them more comfortable and giving you appreciable savings in your fuel bills every winter.

An attic den or bedroom no longer needs to be an "orphan" room. Beautiful Temlok panels, planks, or boards can make it really attractive and livable. It's easy to plan charming interior decoration schemes with a background of Temlok's smart light colors, or you can repaint it any color you like.

Whatever use you decide to make of your attic, you don't have to worry about losing storage space because of the alteration. Closets are easy to build with big insulation board or Armstrong's Hardboards.

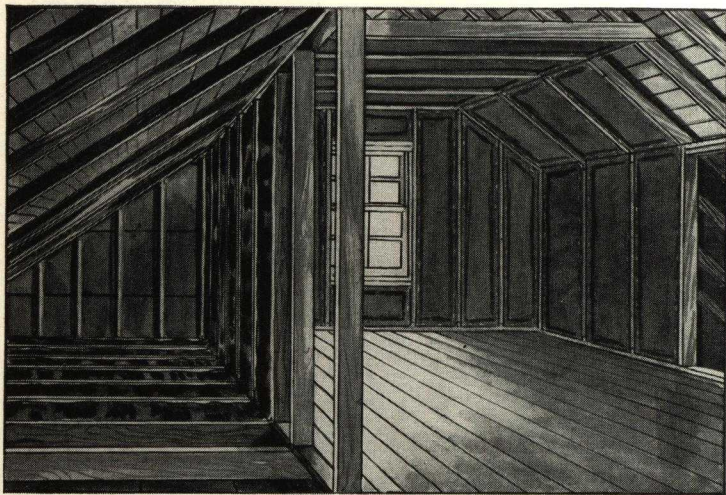
It's easy and economical to install Temlok, too. These rigid panels, planks, or boards go right on over the old wall or ceiling. Temlok can be cemented directly to nearly all surfaces that are structurally sound. And if old plaster is loose, wood furring strips can be put right over it and Temlok stapled or nailed to them.



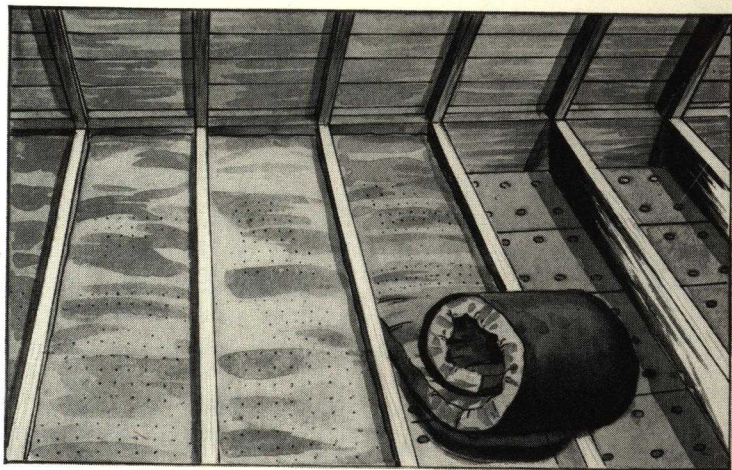


For added comfort your attic will need extra insulation

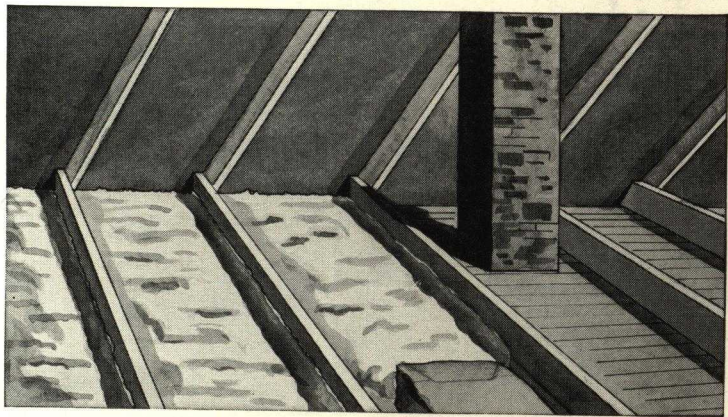
Attics can cause you discomfort and added expense unless they're properly insulated. In winter, your furnace heat tends to go right up through the roof; in summer, sun on the roof heats up the attic, which in turn makes the whole house hotter. You'll be surprised how simple it is to add comfort to your entire house with a little extra insulation in the attic. Armstrong's Insulating Wool, in rolls, batts, and pouring wool, is ideal for this job. It's quick, clean, and economical insulation to install in any type of building, old or new.



This picture shows how Armstrong's Insulating Wool is applied in an attic to be used as a room. Insulating wool covers the unused part of the floor, as well as the walls and ceiling of the new attic room.



Look how easy it is to get effective insulation in your attic! Big, neat rolls of Armstrong's Insulating Wool, made of efficient Fiberglas, are just the right width to fit snugly between the joists or rafters of most houses.

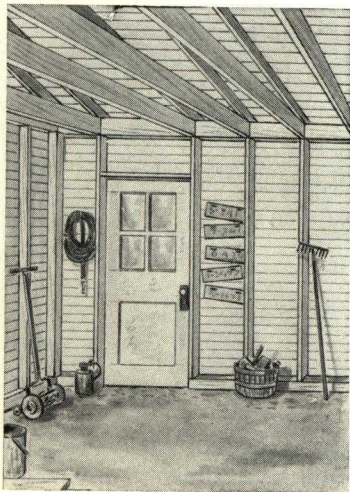


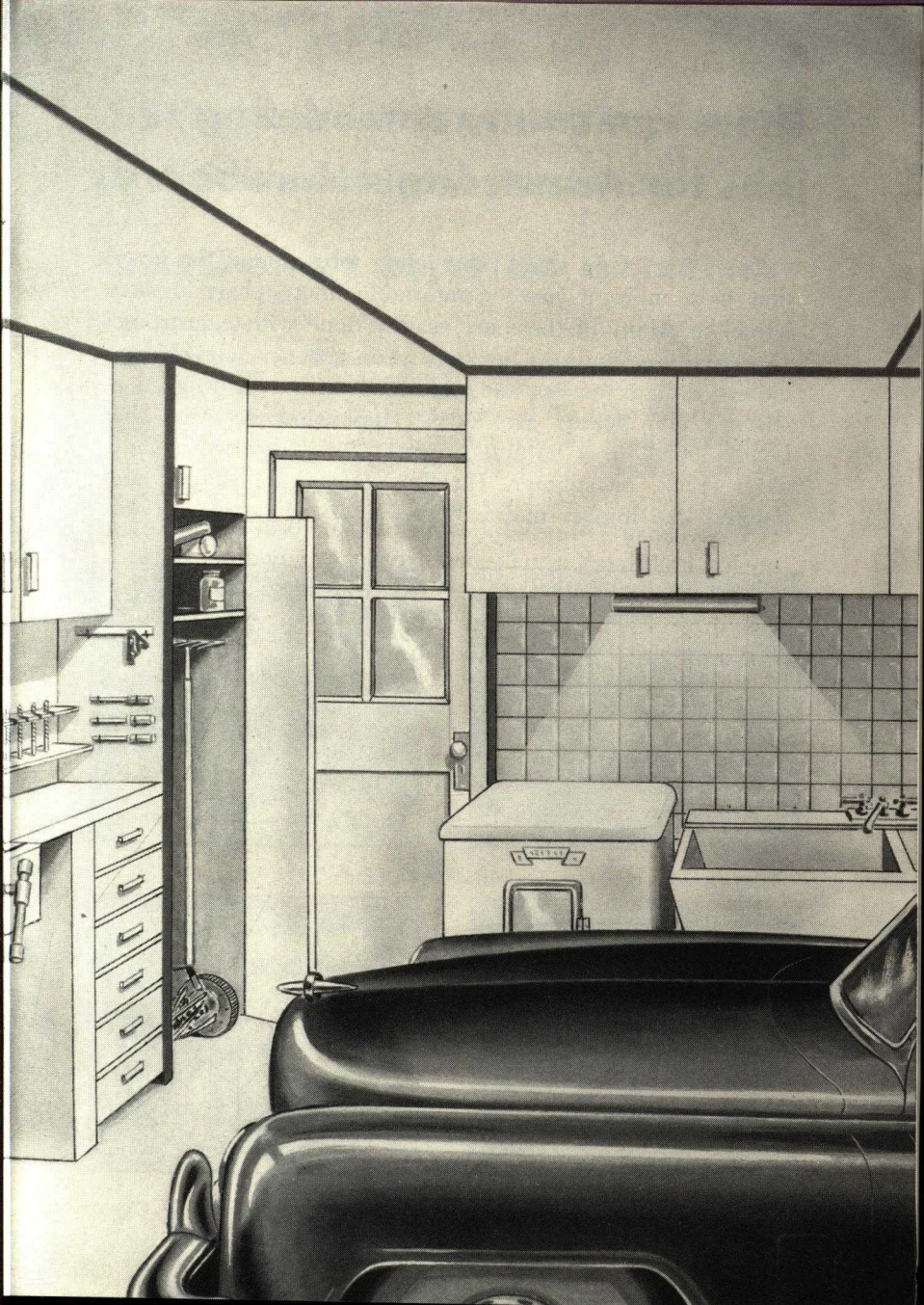
For old houses, where joists are not spaced 15" or 23" apart, Armstrong's Pouring Wool is applied loose as shown. This makes it easy to insulate solidly around chimneys or any other such obstructions in the attic floor.

Even the GARAGE can be more useful

Your garage can do lots more than just shield your car from rain or snow. If you line your garage with Armstrong's Temlok, it can also help protect your car from extremes in temperature. Big boards of Temlok nailed to the frame of your garage will help to make your car easier to start on icy winter mornings and save wear on the starter, the battery, and your nerves.

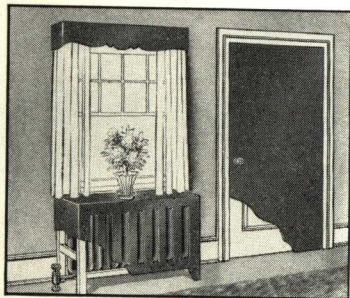
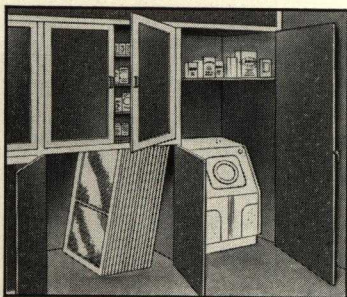
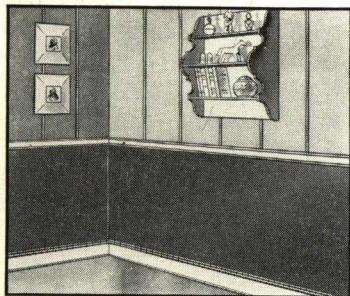
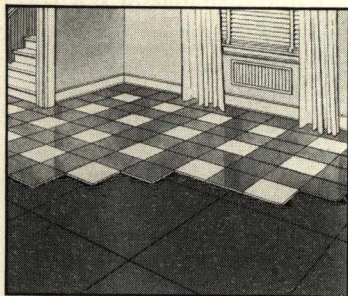
If your garage is heated and if you have a little extra room, there are many other duties it can perform. Attractively paneled in Temlok it makes an excellent rainy day playroom for children. And, the garage makes an ideal laundry, too, since it can be close to the drying yard and save many steps. Armstrong's Monowall installed around the laundry trays protects this wall area from moisture. The garage is often a good place for a work bench, too. And the same bench is a grand place to do gardening jobs that are often done indoors. Of course, when you fix up your garage you will certainly want plenty of storage space for tools. So why not provide special closets and shelves for them? To make all these and many other things around the house Armstrong's Hardboards are ideal.





There are many remodeling jobs for Armstrong's Hardboards

There are many small remodeling jobs around the house that help make it more comfortable, more charming and homelike. Many of these are readily done with Armstrong's Hardboards. For such uses as wainscots, paneling, extra closets, radiator covers, and underlayments for flooring, Armstrong's Hardboards are ideal. These pressed wood-fiber boards come in a natural brown color. They won't fade, chip, crack, or splinter. Hardboards can be shaped and painted like lumber and will give years of lasting service.



See your lumber dealer for samples and prices of

ARMSTRONG'S BUILDING MATERIALS

Armstrong's Temlok Sheathing and Lath—sturdy fiberboard that adds structural strength and efficient insulation, all in one material. Asphalt-impregnated Temlok Sheathing—a strong, weather-tight base for exterior finish that goes up fast, saving money on the job. Temlok Lath—an efficient plaster base.

Armstrong's Temlok Interior Finish—a decorative finish, smooth surfaced and factory painted. Three specialized forms: panels, planks, and large boards, for a great variety of interior uses. New Lok-Bevel joint on panels and plank conceals nail heads and speeds installation.

Armstrong's Monowall—hardened moisture resistant fiberboard in large panels for rapid erection. Colorful tile-designs, streamline-designs, and plain colors. Won't chip, crack, or peel. Cleans easily, never needs refinishing. Can be installed over any solid surface.

Armstrong's Insulating Wool—made of efficient Fiberglas*—fine, closely interlaced glass fibers that insulate efficiently. Won't settle, burn, decay, or absorb moisture. Four convenient forms: roll blankets, batt blankets, small batts, pouring wool.

*@Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

Armstrong's Hardboards—hard, dense fiberboards for cabinets, partitions, closets, wainscoting, and many other uses. Can be sawed, planed, drilled, screwed, or nailed. Easy to finish in paint, varnish, stain, or wax.

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